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FOR MATLOCK FROM MCCALL

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:

1. THE AMBASSADOR HAS AGREED TO HOLD A RECEPTION ON SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 25, FOR US, OTHER WESTERN AND SOVIET PARTICIPANTS IN ICC MEETING BEING ORGANIZED BY WILLIS ARMSTRONG. (AFTER AMBASSADOR GAVE HIS OKAY, ARMSTRONG TOLD US THAT MONDAY, JUNE 26 MIGHT BE PREFERABLE, SINCE MANY PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ARRIVING LATE SUNDAY). AMBASSADOR WANTS TO LIMIT NUMBER OF GUESTS TO 50. WE WILL FORWARD LIST OF ICC MEMBERS TO BE INVITED - AND PREFERRED DATE - AS SOON AS WE GET THEM FROM ARMSTRONG.

2. AMBASSADOR APPROVED AL TRICK'S MEMCON WITH FOLLOWING CHANGES: (1) DELETE LAST THREE SENTENCES OF FIRST PARAGRAPH; (2) FIRST SENTENCE OF SECOND PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE REVISED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "K'S PERFORMANCE ON THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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OCCASION CAN BEST BE DESCRIBED AS RELAXED, UNHURRIED, STRONGWILLED, TOUGH, SOBER MINDED, BUT WITH SOME HUMOR." NEXT TO LAST SENTENCE SHOULD BE DELETED. FINAL SENTENCE SHOULD READ: "HE WAS TANNED, SLIM AND FIT". (3) THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH SENTENCES OF FOURTH PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE DELETED. (4) "BATTERING" IN FIRST LINE OF SEVENTH PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE "BANTERING". (5) LAST TWO SENTENCES OF

TENTH PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE DELETED.

3. IN REFERENCE TO INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN STATE 137222, WE REALIZE THAT THE ORIGINAL DOWNGRADING OF THIS SUBJECT OCCURRED BECAUSE OF A STATE CABLE (NOT DRAFTED IN SOV). WE REGRET THE CONFUSION WHICH THIS CAUSED.

4. FOR GREENBERG: RE IMMINENT ARRIVAL OF MORRIS/PARDEE FOR S&T JCM PREPARATIONS, WE HAVE MENTIONED TO AMBASSADOR SPECIFIC QUESTION OF POSSIBLE HIGH-LEVEL CALL FOR DR. PRESS DURING VISIT. AMBASSADOR STATED US SIDE SHOULD "DO NOTHING" ON THIS UNTIL AFTER HIS RETURN. DURING MEETING WITH FRANK PRESS THE AMBASSADOR INVITED HIM TO STAY AT SPASO IF MEETING TAKES PLACE AND PRESS ACCEPTED.

5. WE HAVE LOOKED INTO THE CASE OF BELIAJEFF, THE U.S. INTERPRETER DENIED A VISA FOR TRAVEL WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT'S MARINE POLLUTION DELEGATION. BELIAJEFF DENIES IMPROPER ACTIVITIES DURING PAST VISITS TO USSR; HOWEVER, HIS PERSONAL FIELD OF SCHOLARLY INTEREST IS 17TH CENTURY RUSSIAN CHURCH HISTORY AND IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT BELIAJEFF MAY HAVE CARRIED BIBLES INTO THE USSR IN PAST.

6. SHOSTAL-KAZAKOV LETTER BEING CABLED JUNE 2 REQUESTING CONFIDENTIAL

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EXPLANATION FOR BELIAJEFF'S VISA PROBLEMS. REMAINDER OF US DELEGATION PREFERS TO TRAVEL ON SCHEDULE. IN ANY CASE, CONTINGENCY PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO HAVE ALTERNATIVE INTERPRETER FOR DELEGATION APPLY FOR VISA JUNE 7.

7. PRESIDENT'S PASTOR'S VISIT. DR. CHARLES TRENTAM, PASTOR OF WASHINGTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PLANS TO VISIT MOSCOW THIS MONTH AT THE INVITATION OF THE ALL-UNION COUNCIL OF EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS-BAPTISTS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DR. TRENTAM WILL ARRIVE IN MOSCOW ON JUNE 17TH FROM LONDON. WE WILL TRY TO PROVIDE MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW. OLIN ROBINSON WILL ACCOMPANY TRENTAM AND THEY KNOW THE AMBASSADOR WILL NOT BE THERE. THE AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT THEY TALK TO BROWN OR COMBS RE WHAT THEY MIGHT DO ABOUT THE VINS CASE.

8. FROM THE AMBASSADOR: (A) REASON FOR HIS DEFERRED RETURN IS TO MAKE POSSIBLE A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR TURNER ON THE 7TH. (B) PLEASE CONVEY HIS PERSONAL REGRETS TO THE GREEK AMBASSADOR RE HIS INVITATION FOR DINNER ON THE 8TH. (C) BENSON SHOULD TELL THE PRESS HE REGRETS HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT HIS COMMITMENT

TO MEET WITH THEM ON THE 9TH, BUT WILL BE GLAD TO DO SO

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MONDAY THE 12TH.

9. U.S. COLD WEATHER CONSTRUCTION DELEGATION MEMBERS, ASSUR-MELLOR UNDER HOUSING AGREEMENT WERE ISSUED SOVIET VISAS JUNE 2. USDEL SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE MOSCOW SUNDAY, JUNE 4, VIA SU 581 AT 1725. WE DON'T YET KNOW WHETHER VISAS ISSUED HERE WERE VALID FOR USDEL'S ENTIRE PLANNED ITINERARY, BUT SOVEMBOFF EARLIER HINTED VISAS WOULD BE FOR MOSCOW ALONE. ASSUR AND MELLOR ARE BEING INSTRUCTED BEFORE DEPARTURE THAT UNLESS SOVIET SIDE CAN CONFIRM SATISFACTORY ITINERARY BEFORE LEAVING MOSCOW, USDEL IS TO CONFIDENTIAL

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RETURN TO U.S. FORTHWITH. THIS STEP WAS TAKEN IN LIGHT OF PREVIOUS ITINERARY PROBLEMS, BUT WE LOOK TO EMBASSY FOR RECOMMENDATION ON FINAL COURSE. CHRISTOPHER

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